

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The embodiments of the invention in which an exclusive property or privilege is claimed are defined as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A method for representing a property on a display, comprising:

a drawing handler from amongst a plurality of drawing handlers being assigned to the property;

the drawing handler being called by an implementation component to provide a graphical representation of the property; and

the drawing handler converting a value for the property received from the implementation component into a graphical representation which is provided on the display.

2. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the graphical representation includes a number of elements, and the number of elements is proportional to a numerical value of the property.

3. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the drawing handler component is registered independently of the other system components.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently amended) The method of ~~Claim 4~~Claim 1, wherein a list view component which is responsible for the presentation on the display communicates with the item implementation component.

6. (Original) The method of Claim 5, wherein the list view component has different modes, including at least one mode for which the drawing handler

component may be required, and at least one mode for which the drawing handler component will not be required.

7. (Original) The method of Claim 6, wherein the list view component has a details mode in which the drawing handler component may be required, but in which the user is able to cancel the column that would otherwise require the drawing handler component.

8. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the property represents a rating value of an item.

9. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein the property represents a physical characteristic of an item, ~~such as available disk space for a disk drive.~~

10. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein a plurality of drawing handlers are assigned to a plurality of properties.

11. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein additional drawing handlers may be independently registered and assigned to different properties.

12. (Currently amended) A method for representing a property on a display, comprising:

receiving a call by a drawing handler component from an implementation component to provide a graphical representation of the property value specific to the property and where the drawing handler component is selected from amongst a plurality of drawing handler components; and

in response to receiving the call, the drawing handler component providing a graphical representation that corresponds to the property value.

13. (Original) The method of Claim 12, wherein the graphical representation includes a number of elements, the number of elements being proportional to the numerical value of the property.

14. (Original) The method of Claim 12, wherein the property represents a rating value of an item.

15. (Original) The method of Claim 12, wherein the property represents a physical characteristic of an item.

16. (Canceled)

17. (Canceled)

18. (Currently amended) The method of ~~Claim 17~~ Claim 12, wherein a list view component communicates with the implementation component for providing information on the display.

19. (Currently amended) One or more computer-readable media for enabling a computer-program segment to communicate with one or more other computer-program segments for providing a representation of a property on a display, said media comprising:

a set of computer-usable instructions that cause a request from an implementation component to a drawing handler to provide a graphical representation of a property to be communicated to one or more other computer-program segments capable of executing said request the drawing handler being independently registered from amongst a plurality of registered drawing handlers, and providing a customized representation of the property.

20. (Original) The media of Claim 19, wherein the graphical representation includes a number of elements, the number of elements being proportional to the numerical value of the property.

21. (Original) The media of Claim 19, wherein the property represents a rating of an item.

22. (Original) The media of Claim 19, wherein the property represents a physical characteristic of an item.

23. (Canceled)

24. (Canceled)

25. (Currently amended) A method of representing a property on a display, comprising:

an implementation component issues a call for providing a graphical representation of a property on the display; and

in response to the call, a drawing handler component specific to the property produces the graphical representation for the property on the display.

26. (Original) The method of Claim 25, wherein the graphical representation includes a number of elements, the number of elements being proportional to the numeric value of the property.

27. (Original) The method of Claim 25, wherein the drawing handler component is independently registered.

28. (Original) The method of Claim 25, wherein the drawing handler component may be modified without requiring modifications to other system components.

29. (Original) The method of Claim 25, wherein a list view component communicates with the implementation component and organizes the presentation of information on the display.

30. (Original) The method of Claim 29, wherein the list view component has different modes, including at least one mode for which the drawing handler component may be required, and at least one mode for which the drawing handler component is not required,

31. (Original) The method of Claim 30, wherein the list view component has a details mode, in which the user may select or cancel a column which requires the use of the drawing handler component,

32. (Original) The method of Claim 25, wherein a plurality of drawing handler components are utilized for creating graphical representations for a plurality of properties.

33. (Currently amended) One or more computer-readable media for representing a property on a display, comprising:

a set of computer-usable instructions that are each independently registered and each independently representative of a specific property and which operate to produce a graphical representation of the specific property on the display.

34. (Original) The media of Claim 33, wherein the graphical representation includes a number of elements, the number of elements corresponding to the numerical value of the property.

35. (Original) The media of Claim 33, wherein the property represents a rating of an item.

36. (Original) The media of Claim 33, wherein the property represents a physical characteristic of the item.

37. (Original) The media of Claim 33, wherein the computer-usable instructions are provided as part of a drawing handler component

38. (Canceled)

39. (Canceled)

40. (Canceled)

41. (Canceled)